

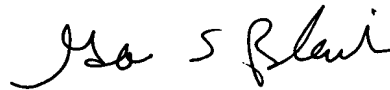
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**Remarks**

Applicants have made minor revisions to the specification relative to the parent of which priority is claimed. In paragraphs 23, 68, 76, 77 and 133, changes were made to correct spelling errors. For clarity purposes, Applicants have deleted forms of the word "remote" from paragraphs 24, 162 and 165 and in Fig. 6B and instead use the term "external" to describe the relative positioning of hand held reader and local host processor 900 shown in Fig. 9. Applicants had previously used the term "remote" in connection with the distant "off site" processor shown in Fig. 9. The change only adds clarity to the description and in no way constitutes new matter. The new language is especially clear since "external" is elsewhere used to describe the relationship of a host processor to reader 10 (paragraph 21). Note that Fig. 9 plainly shows that reader 10 is external to host processor 900. If the Examiner disagrees that "an external" relationship between reader 10 and local host processor 900 is shown in Fig. 9 or that the amendment to the specification adds new matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' representative.

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